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FOR: DEVICE FOR HARDENING THE
COATING OF AN OBJECT,
CONSISTING OF A MATERIAL
THAT HARDENS UNDER
ELECTROMAGNETIC
RADIATION, MORE
PARTICULARLY AN UV PAINT
OR A THERMALLY
HARDENING PAINT

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of the filing date of PCT Patent Application PCT/EP2004/007644, filed July 10, 2004; which claims the benefit of the filing date of German Patent Application No. 103 35 006.3, filed July 24, 2003; of which the contents of these applications are incorporated herein.